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The Honorable
Donald L. Evans
Secretary of Commerce
14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW
Washington DC 20230

Re: Islander East Pipeline

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Long Island Coastal Alliance, a not for profit corporation serving the interests of Long Island's coastal communities and businesses, supports construction of the Islander East natural gas pipeline.

I have been assured that all reasonable environmental safeguards will be used in constructing this project and that horizontal drilling techniques will minimize impact on the environment.

Long Island's continuing growth, particularly in its coastal areas, means the energy provided by this pipeline will be needed. Society has demanded that this energy must be produced by natural gas-fired plants for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, the Commerce Department should reject Connecticut's unsupported obstinacy by ruling that its Coastal Zone Management requirements are not grounds for denying Islander East's necessary permit applications.

Sincerely,

Supporting Long Island's Coastal Communities and Businesses